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E.O. 11652: NA

TAGS: ASEC

SUBJ: USIA SECURITY VIOLATION

REF: 5 FAM 962.B0

1. ON 8 MAY EMBASSY UNCLASSIFIED MAILROOM RECEIVED AN UNCLASSIFIED POUCH WHICH CONTAINED AN ENVELOPE FROM USIA WASHINGTON WHICH WAS ADDRESSED TO USIS NICOSIA. THE ENVELOPE WAS ADDRESSED BY ADDRESSOGRAPH METHOD.

2. FSLE ANDREAS SERAFIM, UNCLASSIFIED MAILROOM CLERK, PLACED THE ENVELOPE IN THE USIS DISTRIBUTION BOX SUBSEQUENT TO 1300 FOR PICKUP BY A USIS LOCAL EMPLOYEE.

3. AT APPROXIMATELY 1700 8 MAY USIS LOCAL EMPLOYEE ANDREAS ZIVANAS COLLECTED USIS MAIL AT THE EMBASSY FROM THE DISTRIBUTION BOX (INCLUDING THE SUBJECT ENVELOPE) AND TRANSPORTED THIS MAIL DIRECTLY TO THE USIS AMERICAN CENTER DISTRIBUTION CENTER. IN VIEW OF THE LATE HOUR AT WHICH THE MAIL WAS RECEIVED (1730), THE MAIL WAS NOT OPENED OR DISTRIBUTED ON 8 MAY.

4. AT 0845 9 MAY, USIS FSLE COSTOS PETROU, DISTRIBUTION CLERK, OPENED THE SUBJECT ENVELOPE AND DISCOVERED CURRENT FOREIGN AFFAIRS, ISSUE NO. 17, DATED APRIL 23, 1975. THIS DOCUMENT IS CLASSIFIED SECRET.

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5. PETROU, WHO LACKS A GOOD CAPACITY FOR ENGLISH, AND WHO HAD NEVER BEFORE RECEIVED SUCH A DOCUMENT, IMMEDIATELY HAND CARRIED THE DOCUMENT TO USIS FSLE (ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT) GEORGE P. CHRISTODOULIDES.

6. CHRISTODOULIDES, WHEN REALIZING WHAT THE DOCUMENT WAS, IMMEDIATELY PRESENTED IT TO ERNEST H. HATHAM, JR., ACTING PAO, WHO SUBSEQUENTLY NOTIFIED THE RSO.

7. SUBJECT TO A THOROUGH INVESTIGATION, THE FOLLOWING FACTS HAVE BEEN IDENTIFIED BY THE RSO:

A. THE ENVELOPE IN WHICH THE DOCUMENT WAS TRANSMITTED IS AN 11 3/4 X 9 1/2 MANILA ENVELOPE POSTAL (U.S.) ENVELOPE.

B. THE ENVELOPE WAS TRANSMITTED THROUGH UNCLASSIFIED POUCH CHANNELS AND BEARS USIS REGISTRATION NO. 835 WITH THE WORD SECRET BELOW THE REGISTRY NUMBER. BOTH ARE STAMPED IN SUCH A WAY THAT THEY COULD BE EASILY OVERLOOKED.

C. THE ENVELOPE CONTAINS HM OTHER CLASSIFICATION MARKINGS. NO DS-1022 WAS UTILIZED IN TRANSMITTAL.

D. THE DOCUMENT WAS NOT OPENED UNTIL 0845 9 MAY.

E. THE DOCUMENT (WHILE IN A SEALED ENVELOPE), WAS UNPROTECTED FROM 1700 8 MAY UNTIL 1015 9 MAY WHEN IT WAS PRESENTED TO A/PAO. DURING MUCH OF THIS TIME THE DOCUMENT WAS IN THE PHYSICAL CUSTODY OF FSLES.

F. IT IS THE OPINION OF THE RSO, BASED UPON HIS INVESTIGATION, THAT THE MATERIAL WAS NOT COMPROMISED. THAT IS, THAT THE MATERIAL WAS NOT READ BY FSLES.

G. THE DOCUMENTS CONTAINS NO MATERIAL PERTAINING TO CYPRUS.

THE RSO IS POUCHING TO A/SY/DO A COMPLETE REPORT AS WELL AS THE DOCUMENT IN QUESTION AND ITS ACCOMPANYING ENVELOPE FOR DEPARTMENTAL ACTION.

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